Homeland Security Subcommittee Guidance on Submitting Requests for Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS)

Eligible Accounts:

For Fiscal Year 2022, the following accounts are eligible for CDS requests:

- Federal Emergency Management Agency Pre-Disaster Mitigation Projects; and,
- Federal Emergency Management Agency Emergency Operations Center Grant Program.

Descriptions of eligible accounts:

- Pre-Disaster Mitigation Projects: Requested projects must meet the eligibility requirements of the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program, including the cost-share requirement, benefit cost ratio, and environmental and historic preservation requirements. Requirements can be found in the most recent Notice of Funding Opportunity. For any projects designated for funding in the final fiscal year 2022 Homeland Security Appropriations Act, the state agency responsible for administering mitigation grants in the requestor's state must submit an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and that entity will serve as the administrative agent for the grant. Therefore, all project proposals must be accompanied by a letter of support from the appropriate state agency affirming that it believes the project is eligible. In addition to the BRIC grant program requirements listed above, the Committee will principally seek to satisfy member requests for eligible projects that are important to states and local communities but which may not receive adequate attention under the larger BRIC program. If you have questions about the appropriateness of funding recommendations for individual project requests, please contact the appropriate Subcommittee staff.
- Emergency Operations Center Grant Program: Requested projects must meet the eligibility requirements of the Emergency Operations Center grant program, including the cost-share requirement and environmental and historic preservation requirements. Requirements can be found in the most recent Notice of Funding Opportunity. For any projects designated for funding in the final fiscal year 2022 Homeland Security Appropriations Act, the state administrative agency (SAA) must submit an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and that agency will serve as the administrative agent for the grant. Therefore, all project proposals must be accompanied by a letter of support from the appropriate SAA affirming that it believes the project is eligible.